

1 October 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Trip to [REDACTED]

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1. Messrs. [REDACTED] visited the [REDACTED] on 17 and 18 August 1957. The purpose of the trip was to inspect the two Mobile Message Center Vans prior to the installation of the Government Furnished Equipment (G.F.E.). This inspection was basically to determine the general workmanship and construction of the van. A more detailed inspection will be performed upon completion of the vans. The following company officials were contacted:

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2. The first part of the 17th was spent being briefed by Mr. [REDACTED] on the amount of work accomplished on the two Mobile Message Centers since our last visit. The manufacture of the two vans had been accomplished since the 15th of August. They also had been approved by the [REDACTED] Quality Control and Inspection Dept. We also viewed the design drawings of the Message Center which had been prepared by Mr. [REDACTED]. There were a few discrepancies between their drawings and our drawings depicting the layout of the equipment in the vans. However, after these variations were discussed an agreement was reached concerning the location of the equipment.

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3. The remainder of the 17th and the following day were spent inspecting the vans and the G.F.E. The two vans were completely void of equipment and other accessories. All of the mechanical construction of the van was complete. The seal of the roof and the water seals on the side panels were carefully checked and found to be completely watertight. All G.F.E. equipment was given a cursory inspection. Except for a knob missing from a 51-J4 and a 6' tape measure missing from one of the tool kits it appeared that the G.F.E. had arrived complete and in operating condition. The inspection procedure and quality control of the [REDACTED] Co. were checked and found to be adequate. The inspection indicated that the vans were in excellent condition and the workmanship to be above average for this type of manufacture.

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5. Due to the delay in delivery of G.F.E., the vans will not be completed on schedule. The original delivery date of 30 September 1957 will be extended approximately four to six weeks.



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